

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Bureau of Water  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF A  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) proposes to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #SC0043982, issued to AFL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, (SPARTANBURG COUNTY/SPARTANBURG EQC OFFICE) 170 RIDGEVIEW CENTER DR, DUNCAN, SC 29334-9635. The facility is located at 115 USAC Drive, Duncan, South Carolina, Spartanburg County. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-scrubber wastewater, recirculated non-contact cooling water overflow, recirculated contact cooling water overflow, air compressor blowdown and storm water, discharging to: tributary to South Tyger River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 3496. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. The permittee disposes of sludge by taking it to a permitted landfill. The permittee disposes of wastewater by NPDES permit. A fact sheet is available.

**The proposed modifications are as follows:**

1. Cover page: The cover page has been updated for Department's new logo and formatting. The original issue date was a typographical error; it has been corrected to July 15, 2013.
2. Part III.A: As a result of reduced discharge flows, the Nickel limitations have been removed and the Aluminum limitations have been increased. All references to interim and final limitations have been removed as those dates have passed. The revised Aluminum limits will be effective beginning on the effective date of the modification while all other remaining monitoring/limitations are effective beginning on the effective date of the permit.
3. Part IV.A: The schedule of compliance has been removed from the permit as all dates have passed.
4. Part V.A.2: The Nickel PQL and analytical method have been removed from the permit.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the permit modifications are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Ms. Melanie Townley; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4223. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peebles Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.